



# SPATIAL DIVISION MULTIPLE ACCESS PERSONAL COMMUNICATION SERVICES

**ESPRIMO**

Signal 1

---

**Dr. Richard Roy**

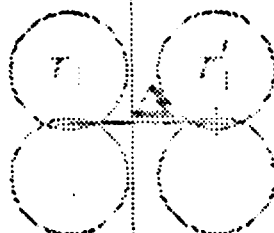
*Spatial Communications, Inc.*

[415] 725-5698

[206] 382-1810

email: [dick@isl.stanford.edu](mailto:dick@isl.stanford.edu)

Doublet 2



Doublet 1

# **SDMA AND WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS INCREASING CAPACITY AND QUALITY**

---

## **THE CAPACITY PROBLEM**

- In major metropolitan areas, current demand for wireless information transmission exceeds capacity.
- Most projections indicate exponential growth in demand over the next decade or two.
- There is only a limited amount of (frequency) spectrum available, and there is a limit to the amount of information that can be transmitted over the current (and future) channels.
- Proposed concepts for handling increased demand such as:
  - decreasing service area per base station and adding more base stations (microcells) are costly, involving increased hardware, maintenance, and lease costs.
  - changing modulation format from analog to digital allowing exploitation of source coding/compression techniques are costly and incompatible with current systems.
- A technique for increasing capacity is required which is:
  1. compatible with all modulation types, digital or analog,
  2. modular and therefore easily expandable,
  3. and reliable.

# SDMA AND WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS

## INCREASING CAPACITY AND QUALITY

---

### THE QUALITY PROBLEM

- In major metropolitan areas, the RF environment is harsh; signals to and from mobile units are subject to *Rayleigh fading* and *specular multipath* which can lead to *intersymbol interference* in digital transmission and signal drop-outs in analog transmission.
- In suburban and rural environments, terrain effects (hills and valleys) can cut-off service to large areas.
- Little effort is being expended currently in the area of improving signal quality other than digital encoding which increases bandwidth requirements in the absence of sophisticated source compression techniques.
- Cellular solutions to the capacity problem will lead to increased interference even with reduced transmit power levels.
- Signal strength, currently the major factor in determining efficient hand-off strategies in cellular systems, can vary significantly leading to a severe hand-off problem where mobile units are assigned to inappropriate cell sites and cross-talk results.
- A technique for improving quality is required which is:
  1. compatible with all modulation types, digital or analog,
  2. compatible with proposed systems for increasing capacity,
  3. and reliable.

# SDMA AND WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS INCREASING CAPACITY AND QUALITY

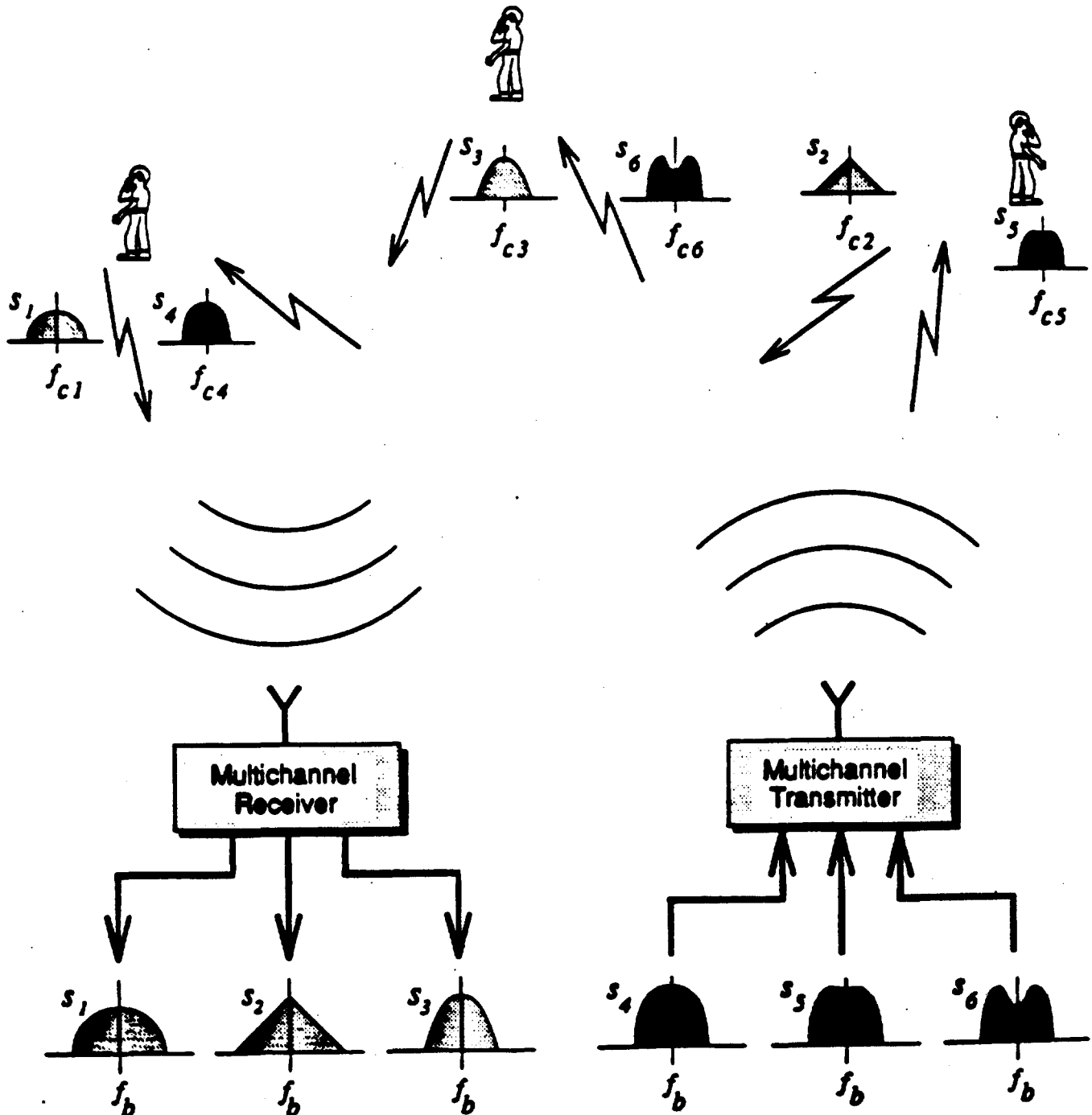
---

## THE SDMA SOLUTION

- SDMA (Spatial Division Multiple Access) is essentially a *smart* sectorization technique that locates and tracks *multiple* transmitters in the *same channel* (e.g., *frequency band*).
- A computationally feasible solution to the normally complex task of tracking multiple cochannel emitters is employed.
- Instead of trying to pack more information into the exponentially decreasing amount of (frequency) spectrum available, SDMA opens up a whole new dimension, *space!*
- SDMA is a technique for increasing *capacity* and *quality* which is:
  1. compatible with all modulation types, digital or analog,
  2. modular and therefore easily expandable,
  3. reliable,
  4. and *realizable!*
- Though compatible with the cellular concept, capacity can be significantly increased without involving more base stations  
⇒ increased maintenance and lease costs need not be incurred.

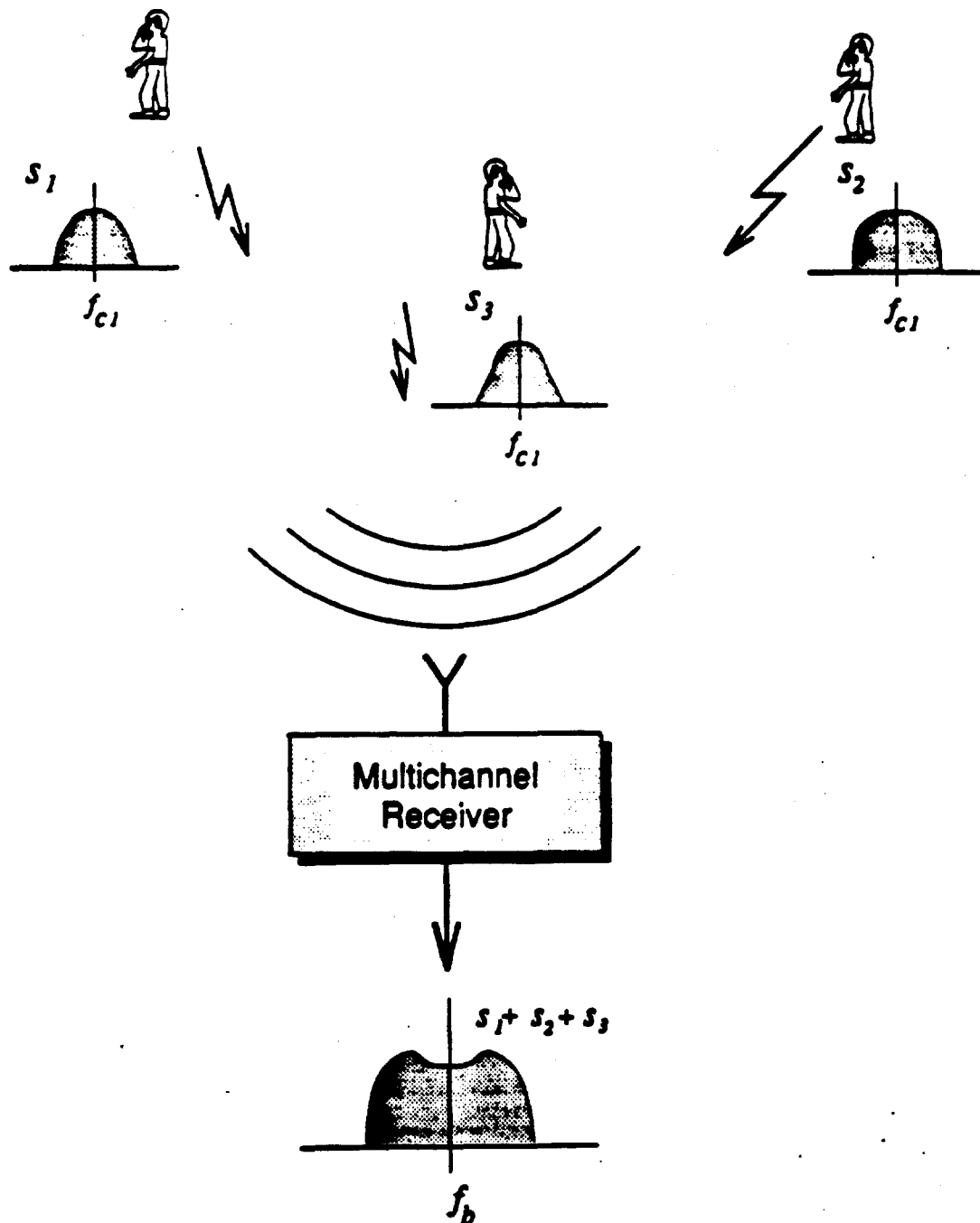
# FREQUENCY DIVISION MULTIPLE ACCESS WIRELESS COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS

## Frequency Division Multiple Access Communication



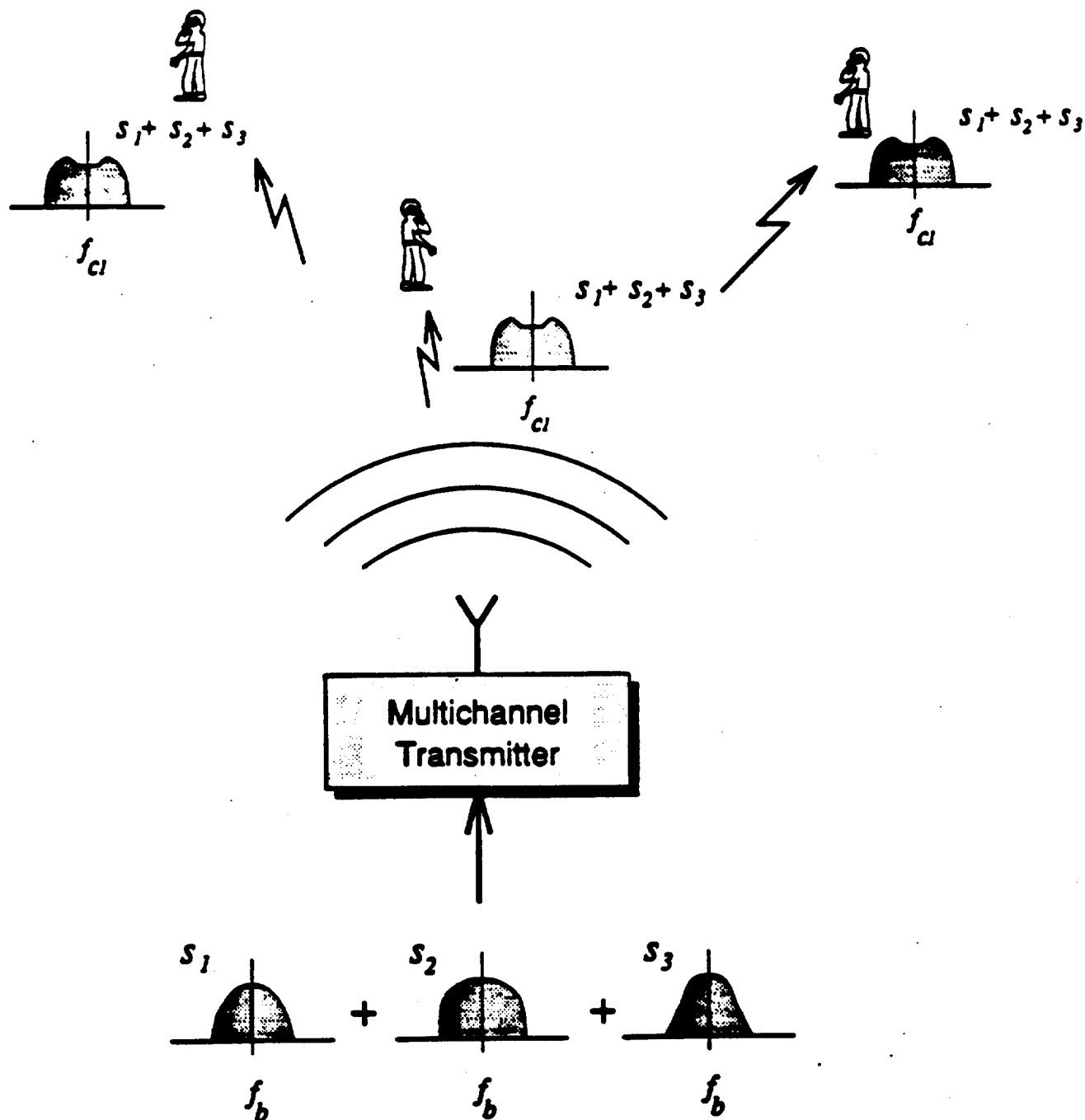
# FREQUENCY DIVISION MULTIPLE ACCESS WIRELESS COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS

## FDMA and Cochannel Interference



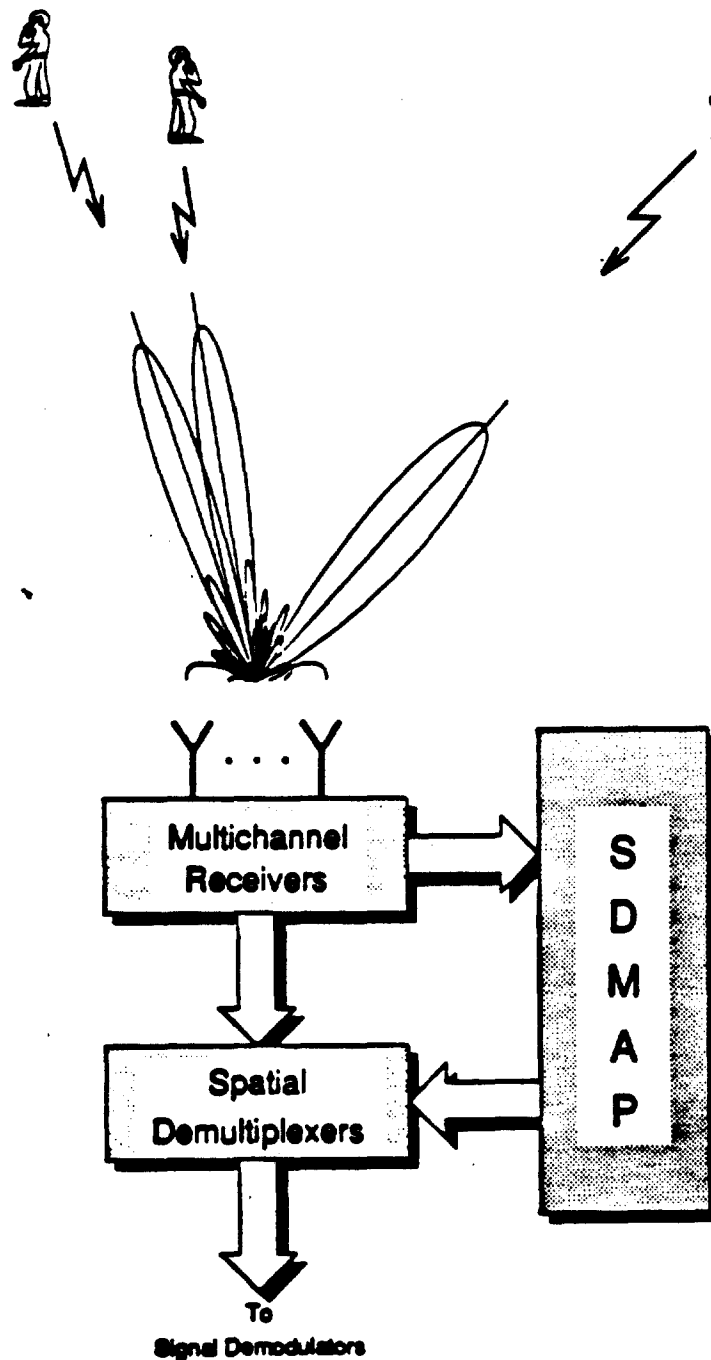
# FREQUENCY DIVISION MULTIPLE ACCESS WIRELESS COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS

## FDMA and Cochannel Interference



# SPATIAL DIVISION MULTIPLE ACCESS WIRELESS COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS

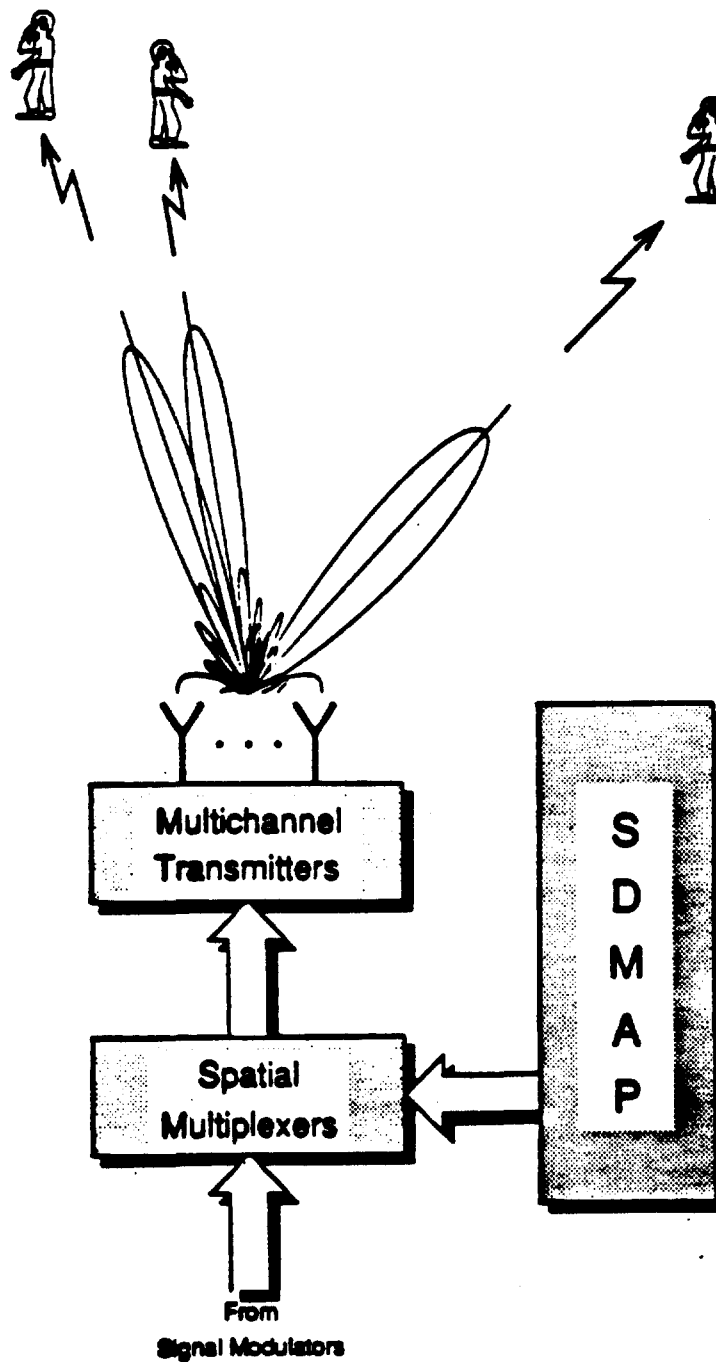
## Spatial Division Multiple Access Reception





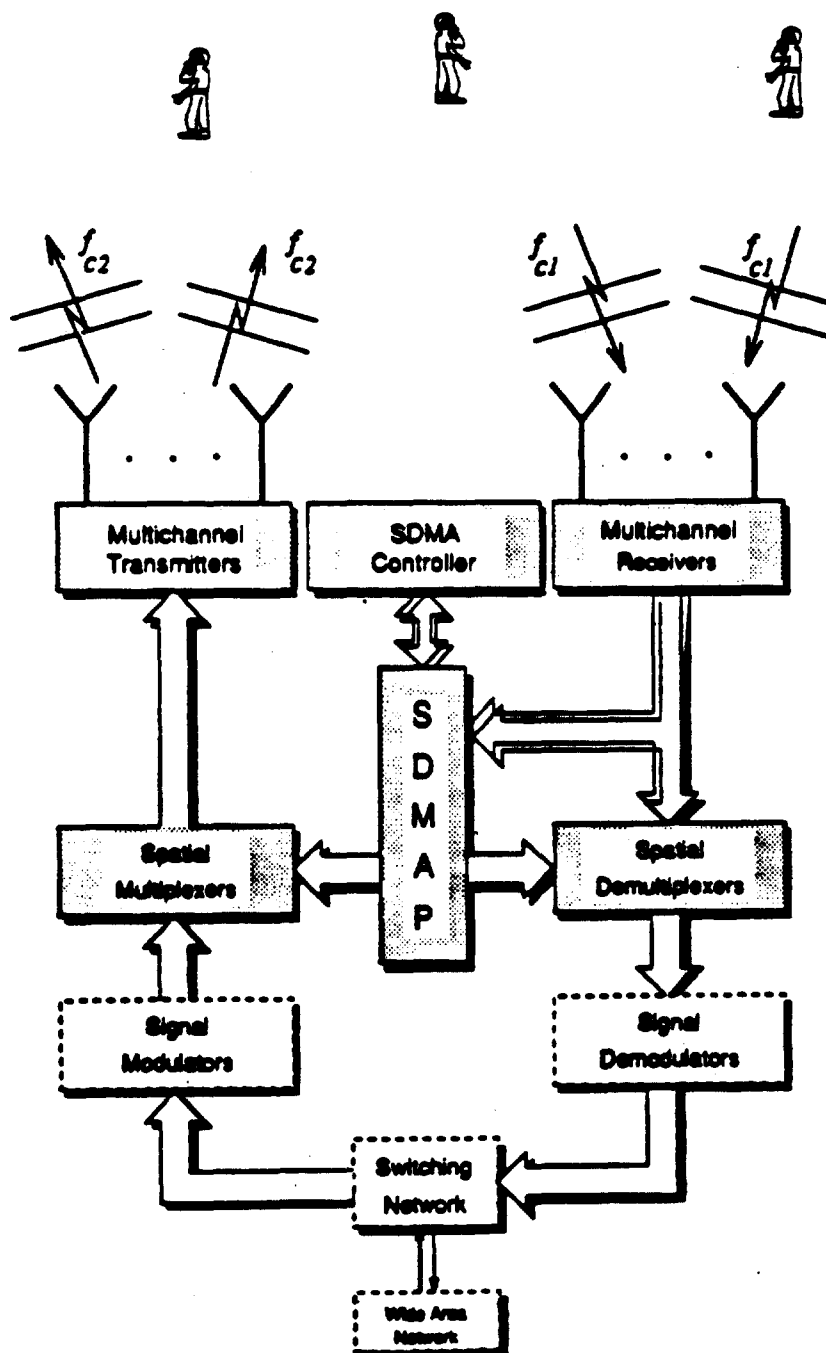
# SPATIAL DIVISION MULTIPLE ACCESS WIRELESS COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS

## Spatial Division Multiple Access Transmission



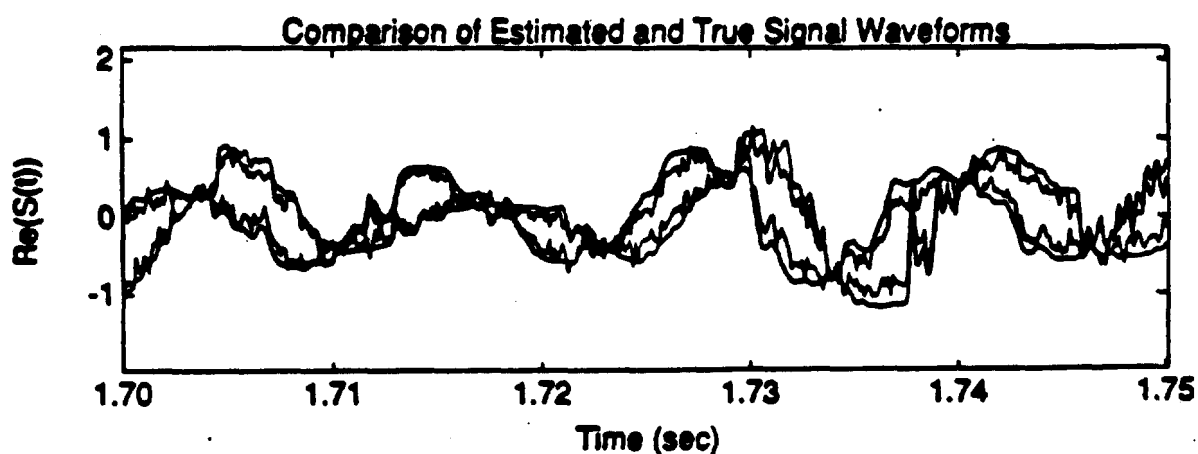
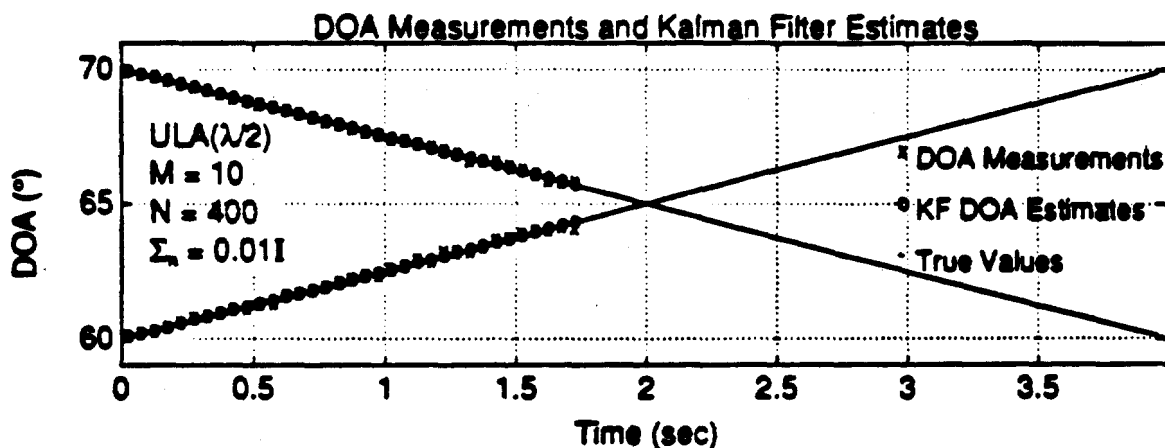
# SPATIAL DIVISION MULTIPLE ACCESS WIRELESS COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS

## Spatial Division Multiple Access System



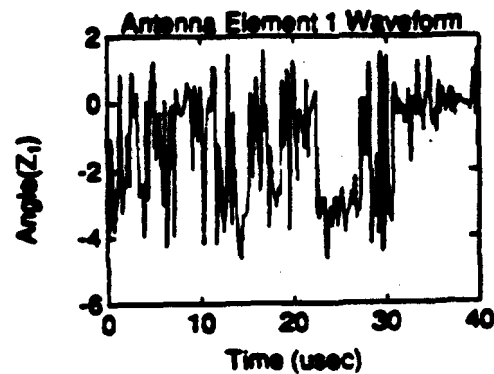
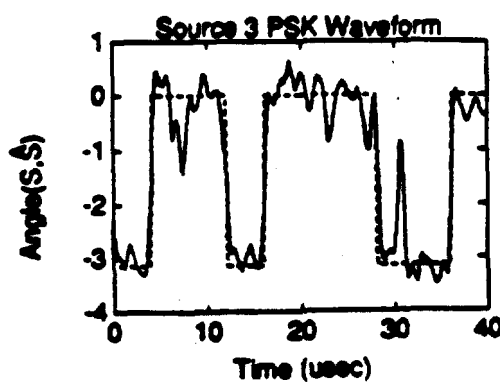
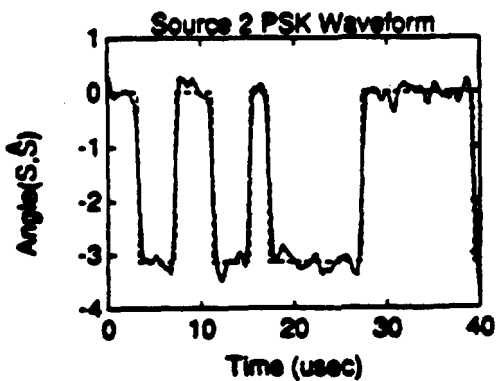
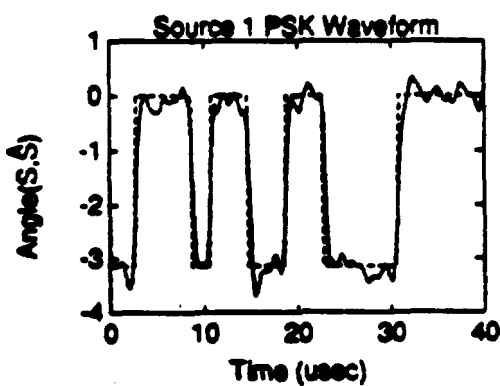
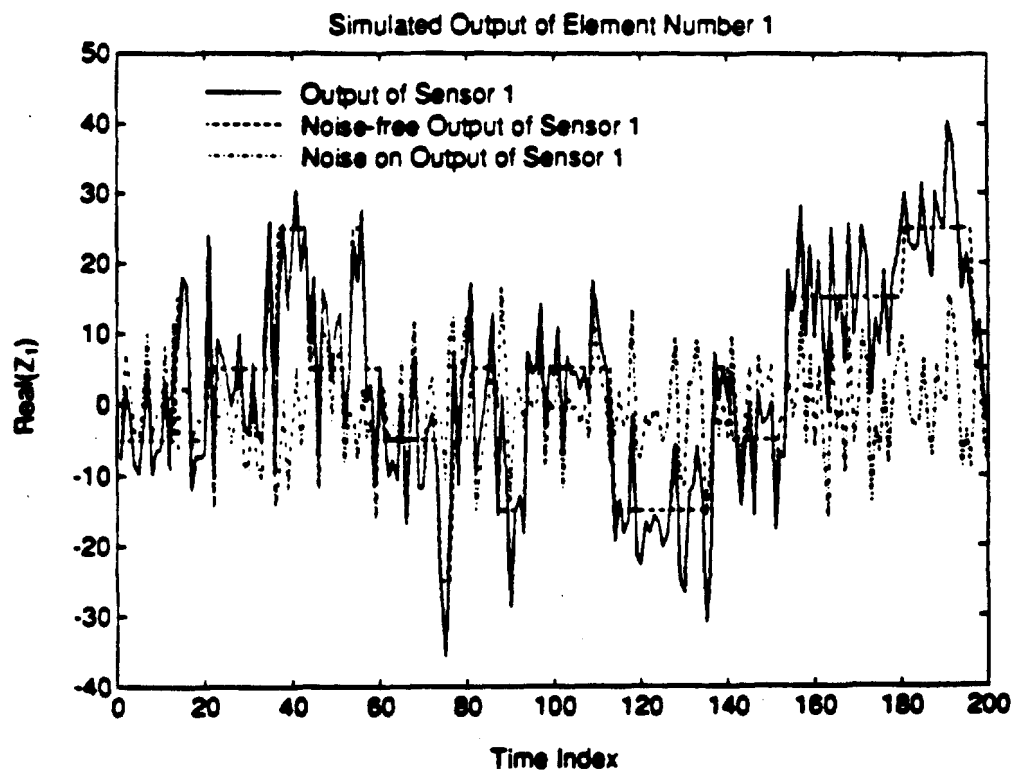
# SPATIAL DIVISION MULTIPLE ACCESS WIRELESS COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS

## SDMA DOA Tracking and Signal Copy with Severe Rayleigh Fading



# SPATIAL DIVISION MULTIPLE ACCESS WIRELESS COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS

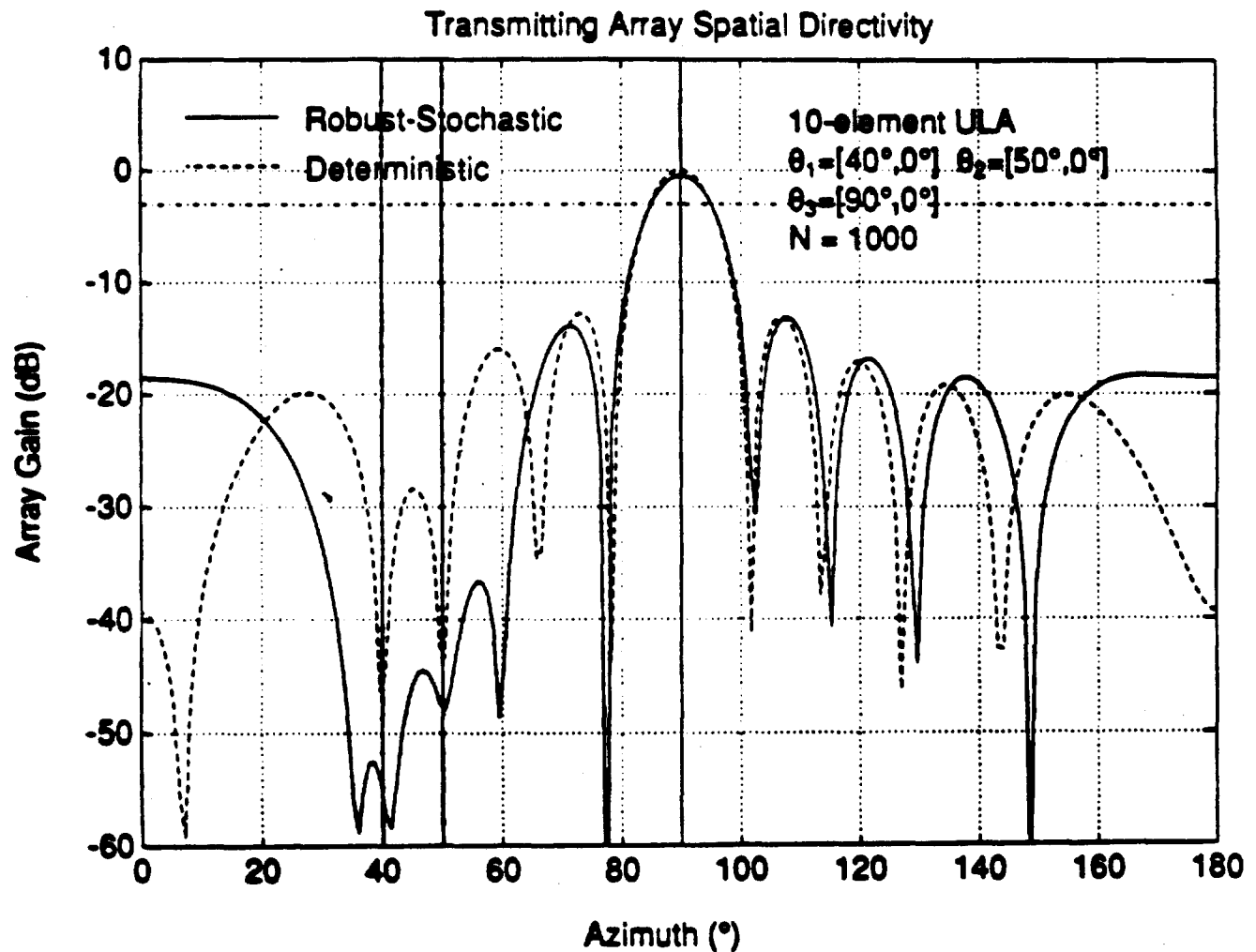
## Compatibility of SDMA and Digital Transmission



# APPLICATION OF SDMA

## Mobile Communication Systems

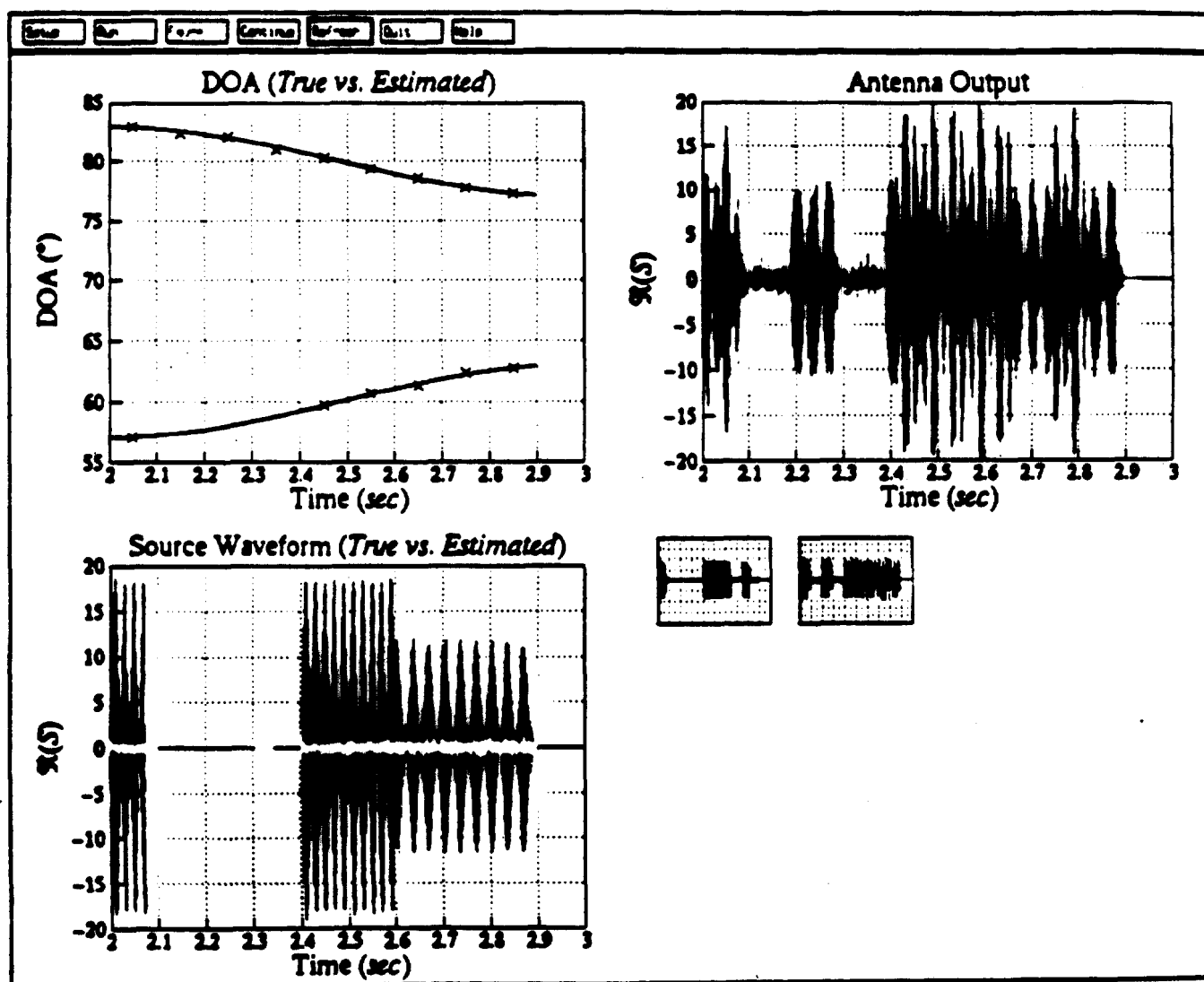
### ULA Transmitter Spatial Selectivity



# SDMA AND WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS

## INCREASING CAPACITY AND QUALITY

### REAL-TIME TRACKING AND SIGNAL COPY

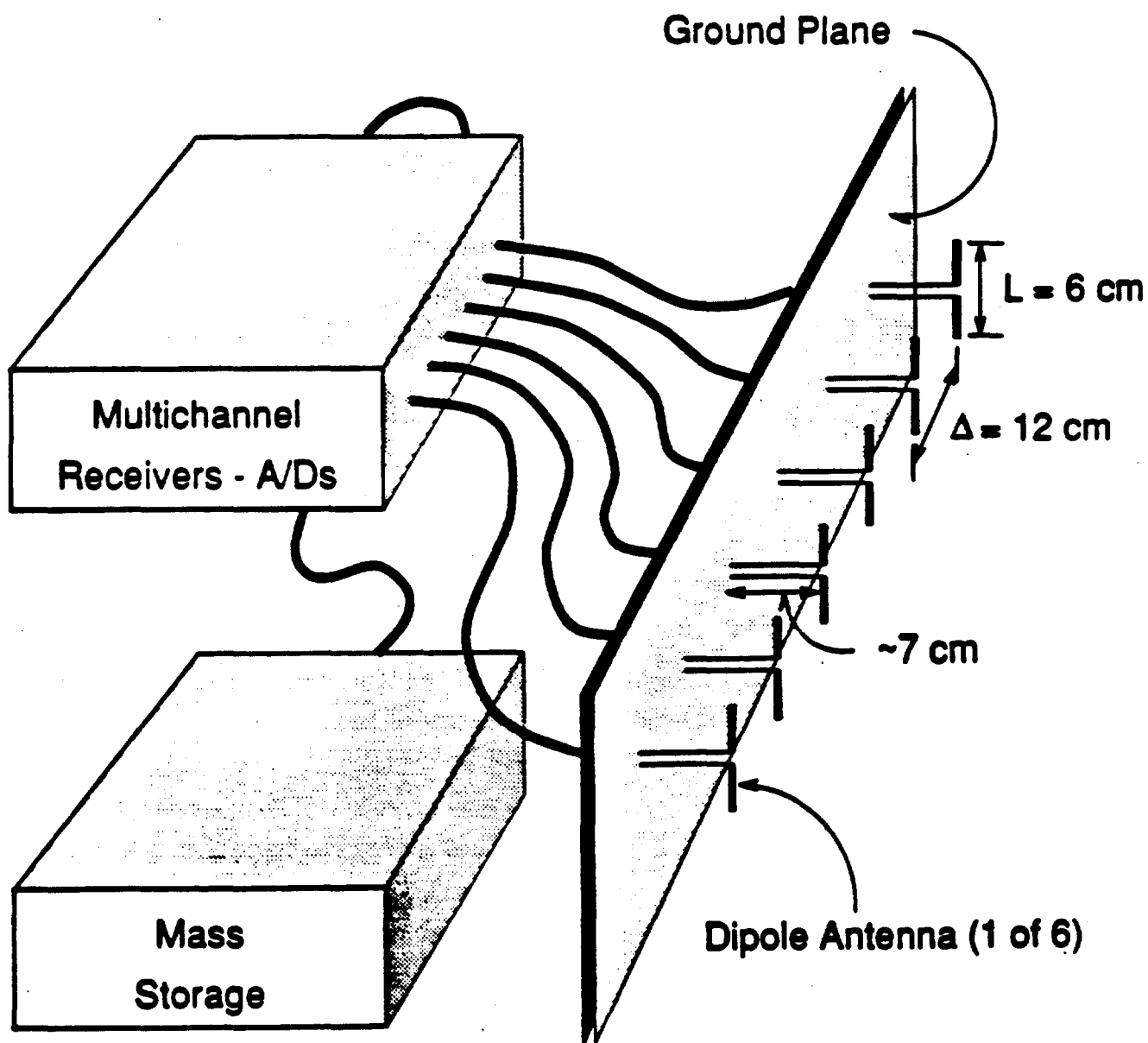


- 4-element ULA( $\lambda/2$ ) -  $\approx 20$  dB SNRs
- Multiple signal DF and signal copy in ( $\approx 10\times$ ) REAL-TIME

# SDMA EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

## Anechoic Chamber DF and Signal Copy

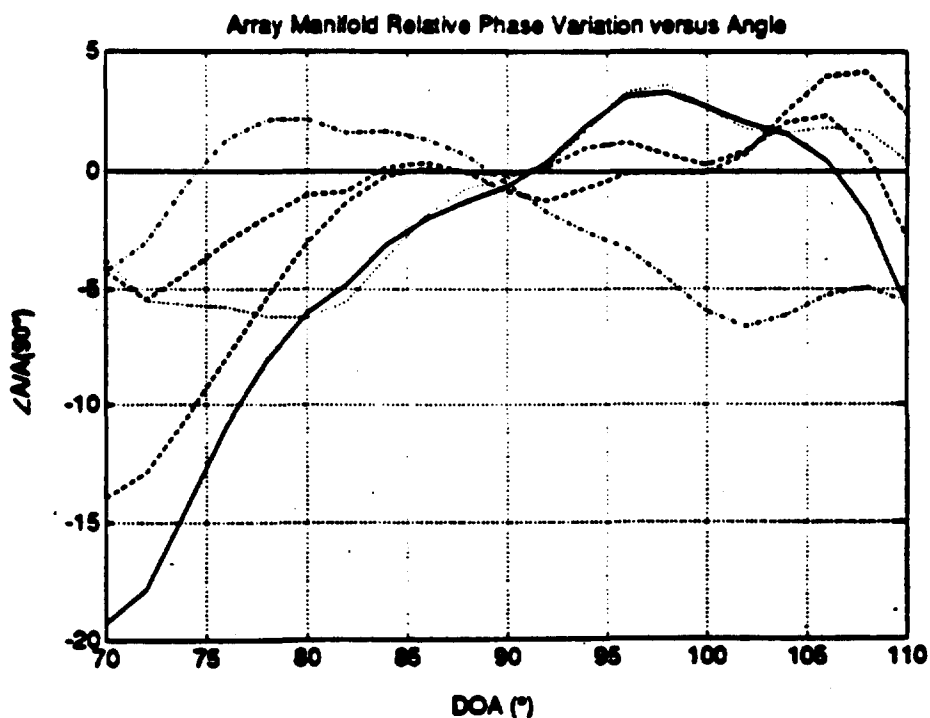
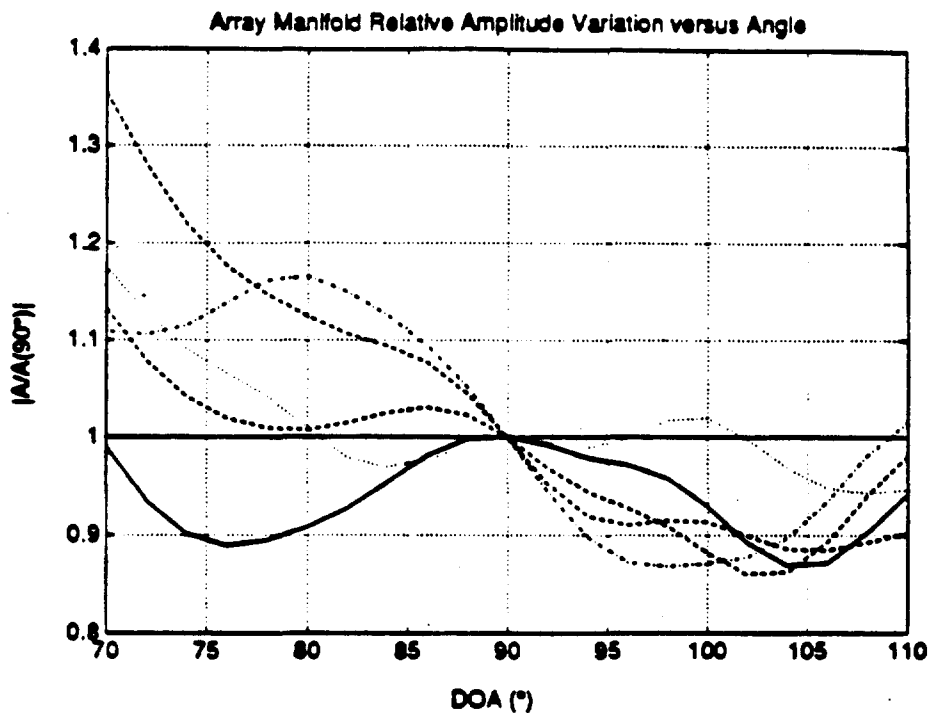
### Experimental Apparatus



# SDMA EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

## Anechoic Chamber DF and Signal Copy

### ULA/Array Gain and Phase Deviations

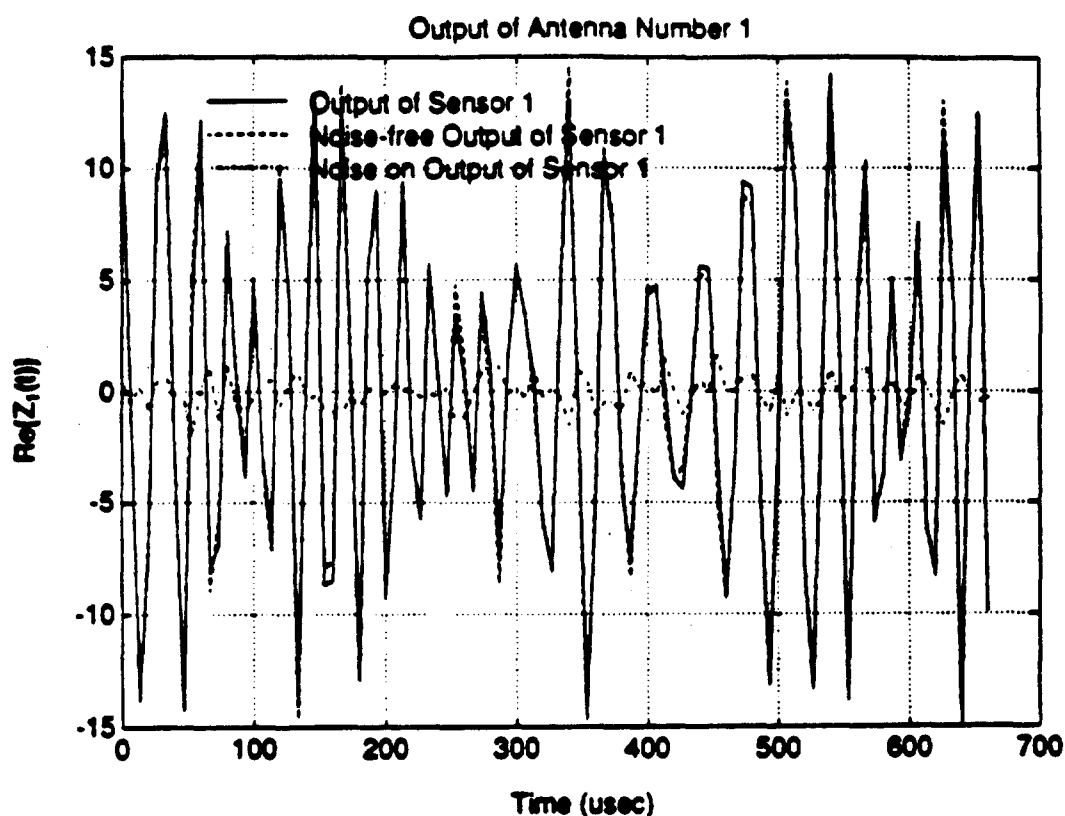




# SDMA EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

## Anechoic Chamber DF and Signal Copy

Two Sources Closely Spaced ( $f_0 = 1200MHz$ )

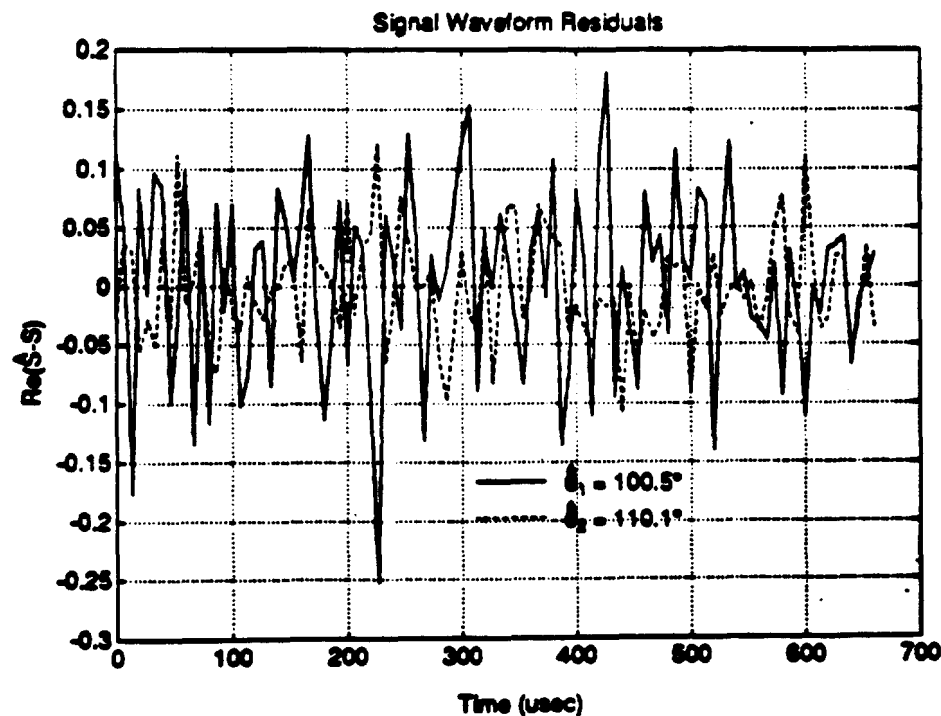
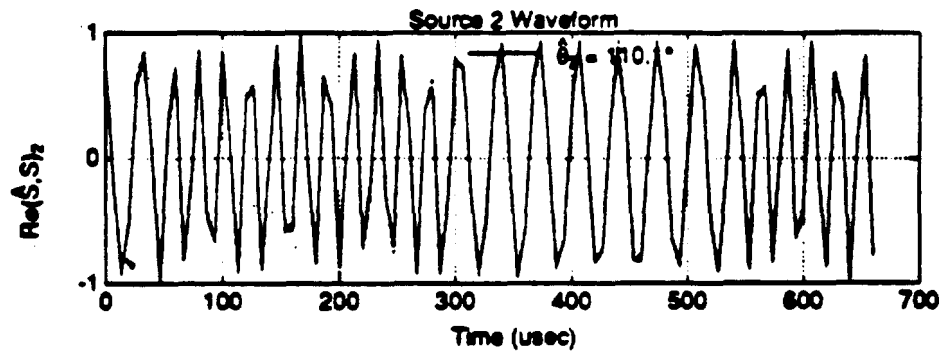
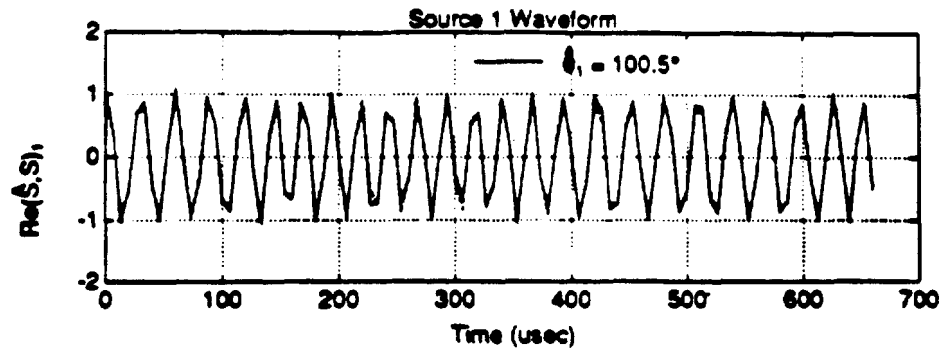


Parameter	Estimate	True Value
$\hat{\theta}_1$	100.5°	100°
$\hat{\theta}_2$	110.1°	110°

# SDMA EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

## Anechoic Chamber DF and Signal Copy

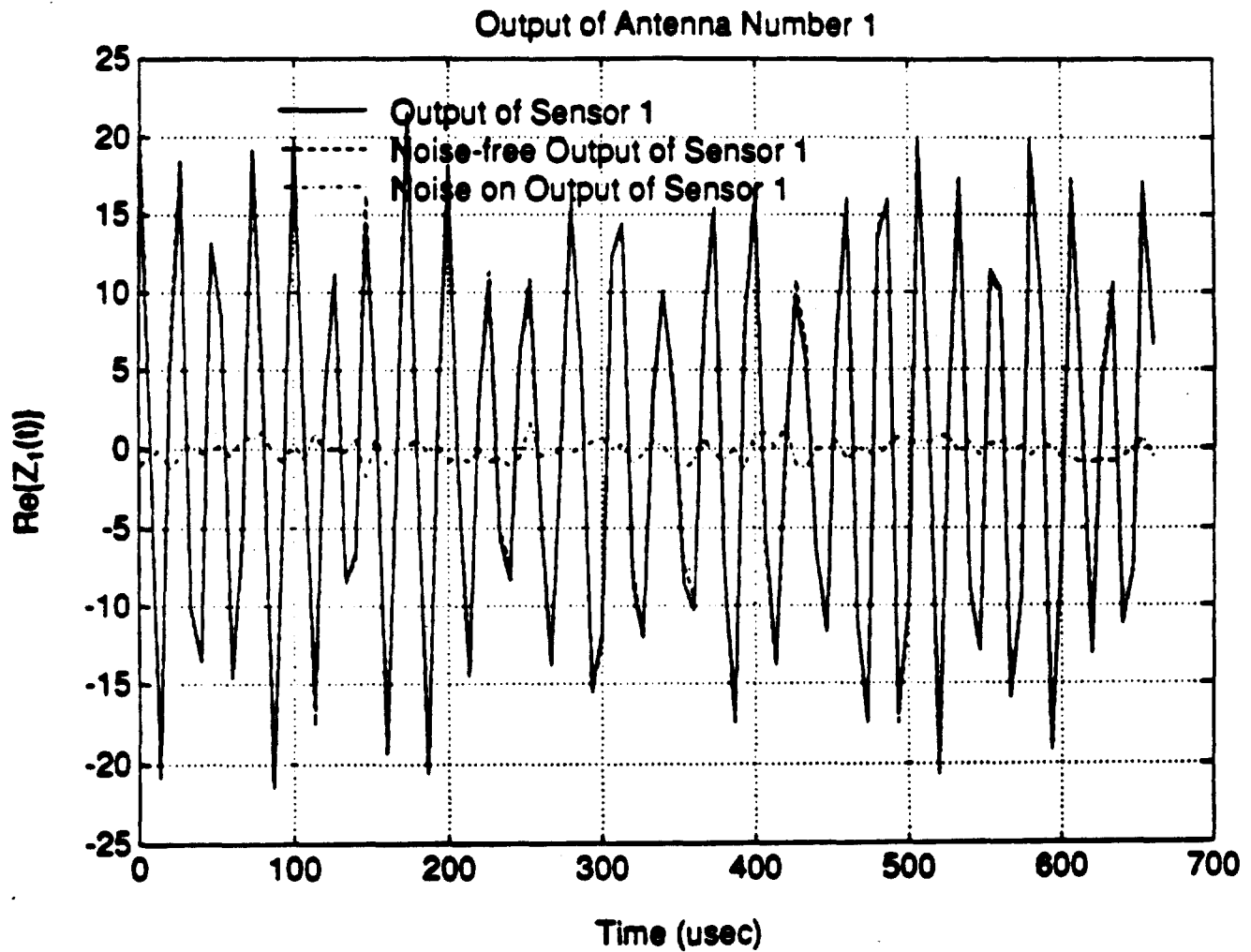
Two Sources Closely Spaced ( $f_0 = 1200MHz$ )



# SDMA EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

## Anechoic Chamber DF and Signal Copy

Three Sources ( $f_0 = 1200MHz$ )

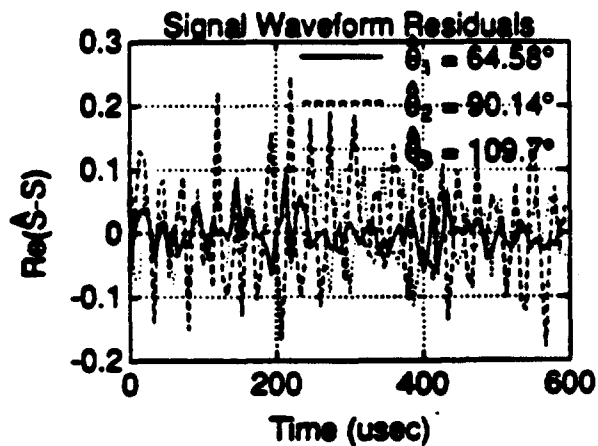
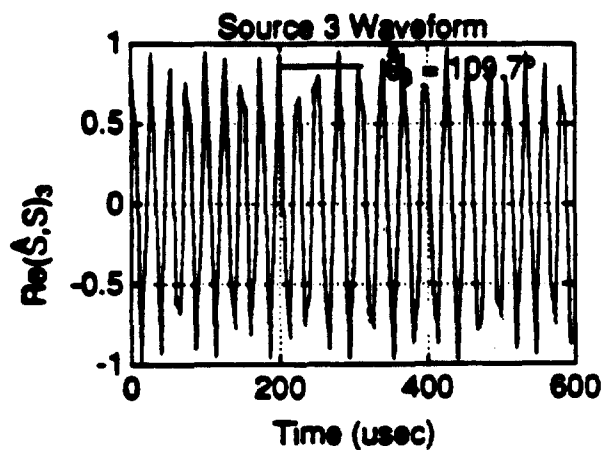
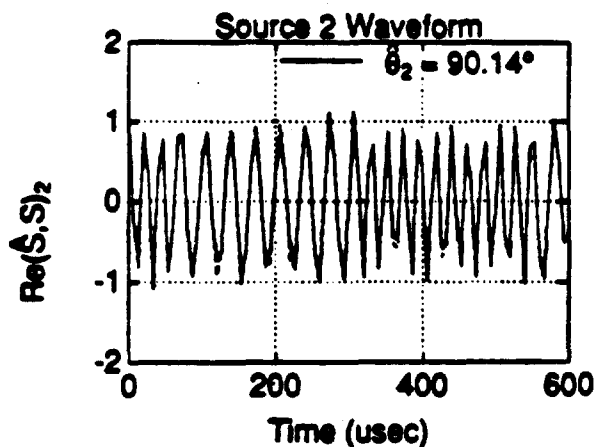
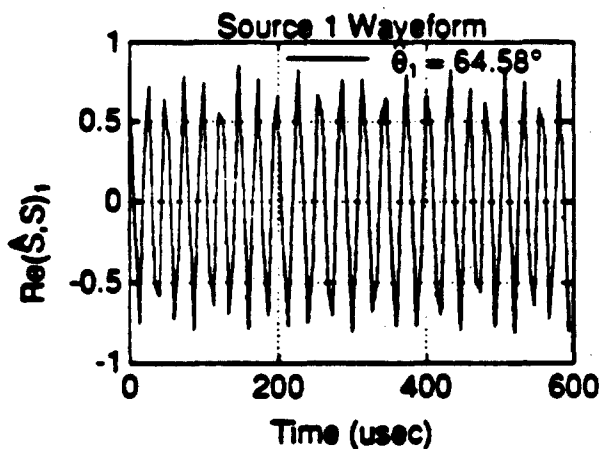


# SDMA EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

## Anechoic Chamber DF and Signal Copy

Three Sources ( $f_0 = 1200 MHz$ )

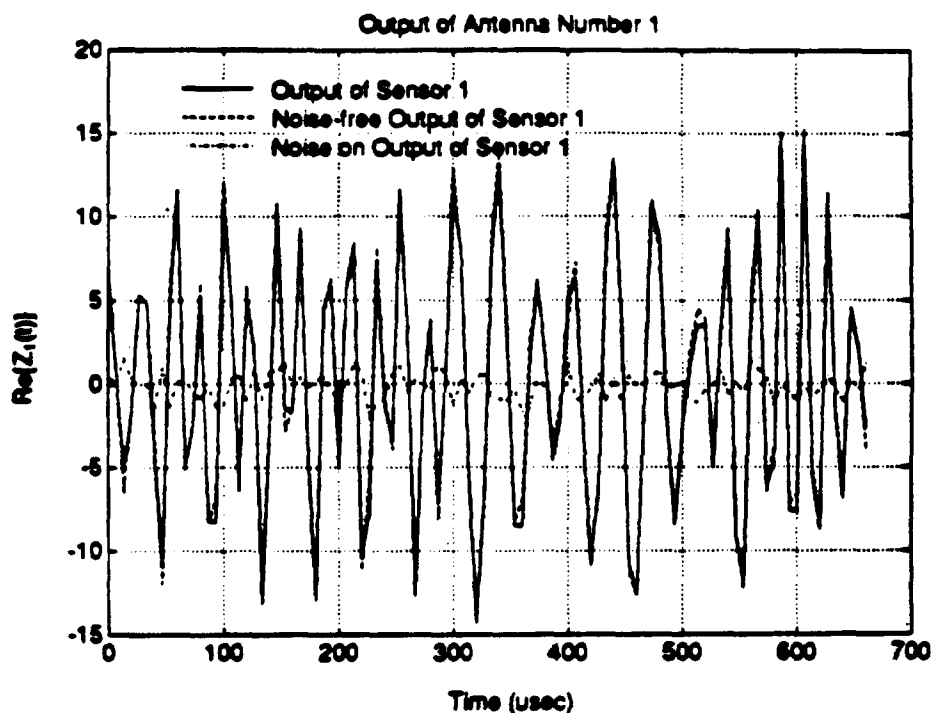
Parameter	Estimate	True Value
$\hat{\theta}_1$	$64.6^\circ$	$65^\circ$
$\hat{\theta}_2$	$90.1^\circ$	$90^\circ$
$\hat{\theta}_3$	$109.7^\circ$	$110^\circ$



# SDMA EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

## Anechoic Chamber DF and Signal Copy

Two Sources with Rayleigh Fading ( $f_0 = 1200MHz$ )

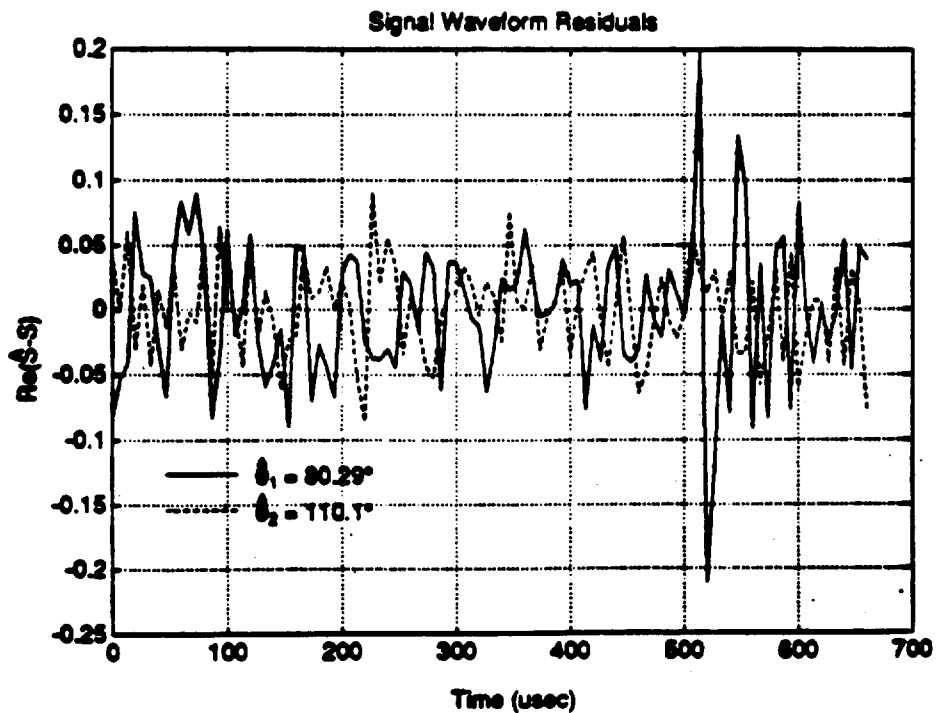
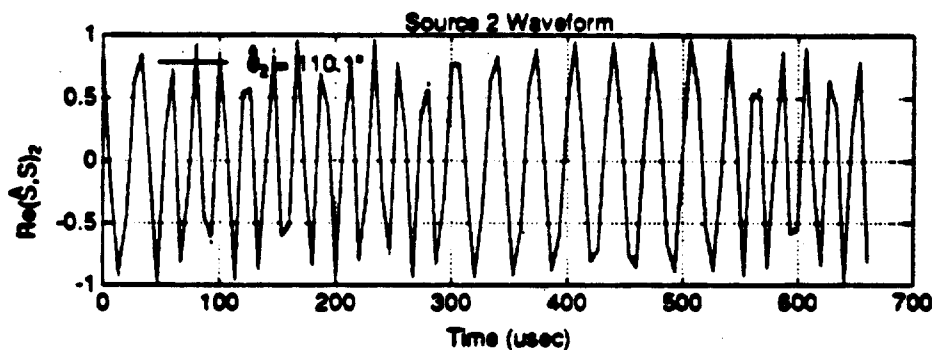
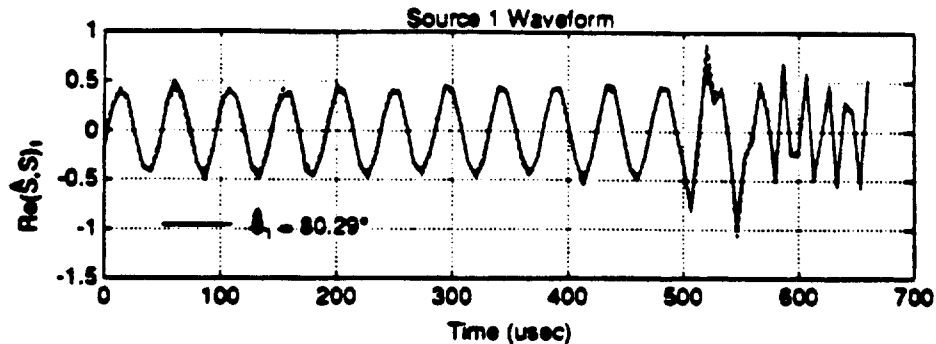


Parameter	Estimate	True Value
$\hat{\theta}_1$	80.3°	78°-80°
$\hat{\theta}_2$	110.1°	110°

# SDMA EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

## Anechoic Chamber DF and Signal Copy

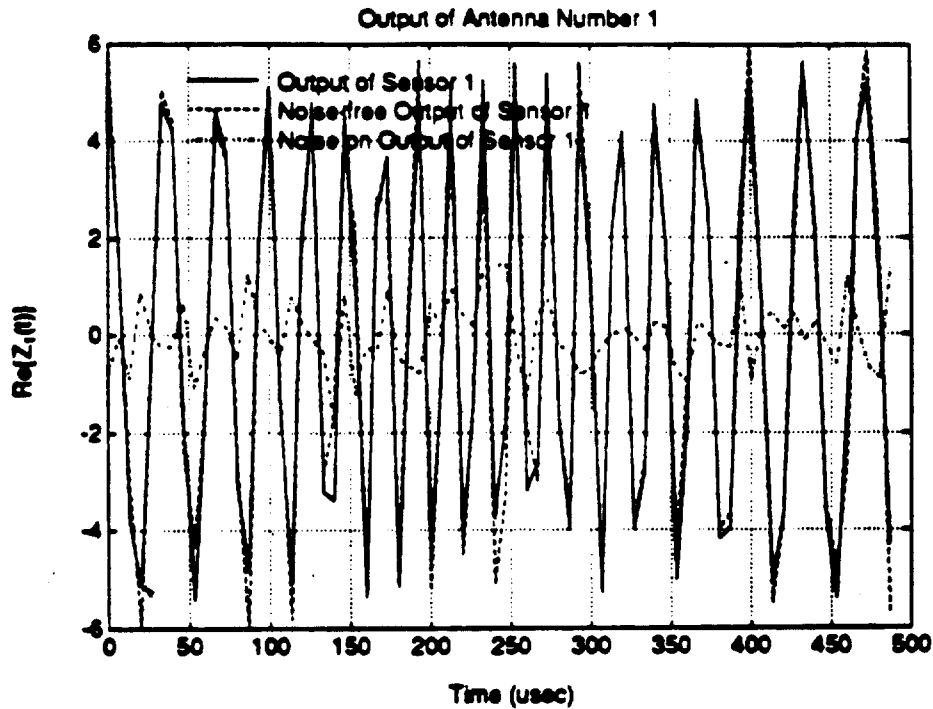
### Two Sources with Rayleigh Fading ( $f_0 = 1200 MHz$ )



# SDMA EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

## Anechoic Chamber DF and Signal Copy

Single Source with Multipath ( $f_0 = 1200MHz$ )

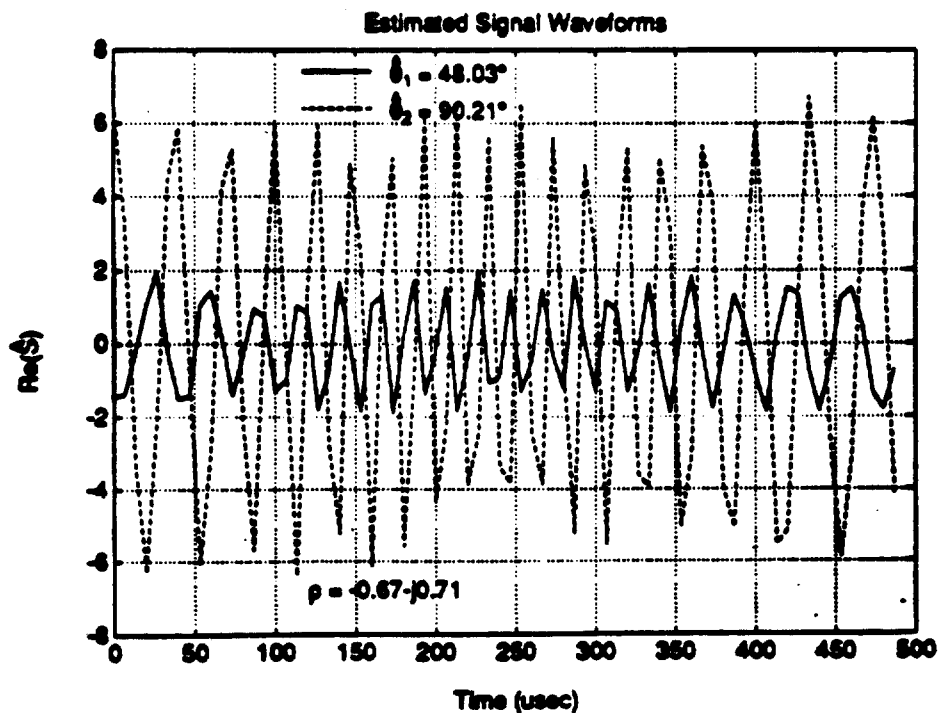
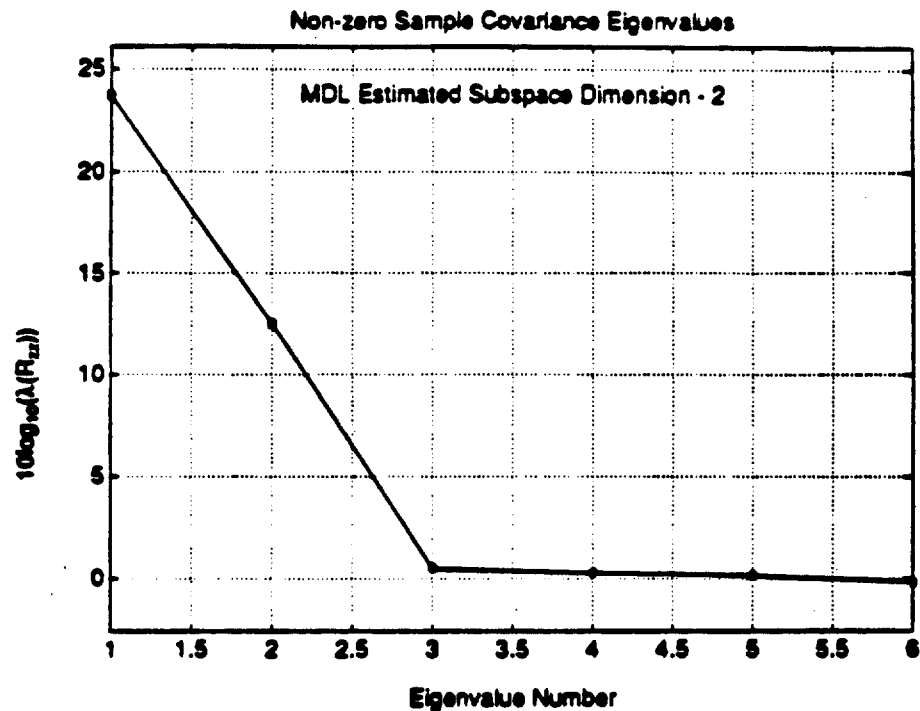


Parameter	Estimate	True Value
$\hat{\theta}_1$	90.2°	90°
$\hat{\theta}_2$	48.0°	$\approx 45^\circ$

# SDMA EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

## Anechoic Chamber DF and Signal Copy

Single Source with Multipath ( $f_0 = 1200 MHz$ )





# SDMA AND WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS

## INCREASING CAPACITY AND QUALITY

---

### Summary of Key Points

- Benefits from implementation of the SDMA system include:
  - significant improvement in full-duplex communication link *capacity* and *quality* by establishing *spatio-frequency channels* which
    - allow multiple wireless units to occupy the same frequency band at the same time
    - make more efficient use of transmitter power and better received signal quality by *beamforming* on transmit
    - and increase signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) and decrease cochannel interference at the base site by *smart beamforming* on receive
  - elimination of *dead zones* within service areas
  - elimination of Doppler frequency offsets due to relative transmitter-receiver motion
  - decrease in *frequency reuse factor* in cellular systems  $\Rightarrow$  substantial increase in capacity
  - system flexibility allowing dynamic channel bandwidth allocation.
- SDMA is compatible with both analog and digital modulation, and furthermore can accomodate *dual service* on the *same frequency channel* at the *same time*!
- SDMA system modularity allows capacity and quality to be incrementally increased to meet demand.